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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT:
SIMULTANEOUS WARNINGS OF TSUNAMIS (02.09-21)

REFERENCE: MOSCOW 18212

REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO DR. POPOV, CHIEF,
ARCTIC-ANTARCTIC DEPARTMENT, HYDROMET WITH COPY TO
KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

02.09-21 JANUARY 13, 1978

DR. V.M. POPOV
CHIEF, ARCTIC-ANTARCTIC DEPARTMENT
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF THE USSR
PAVLIKA MOROZOVA STREET 12
MOSCOW

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DEAR DR. POPOV:

I WISH TO RESPOND TO YOUR MESSAGE OF MID-DECEMBER PASSED
TO ME BY A KAZAKOV TO SHOSTAL LETTER.

REGARDING THE OPEN OCEAN PLANNING MEETING, THE
MEMORANDUM SIGNED IN WASHINGTON CALLED FOR A TWO-PERSON

SOVIET TEAM WHILE YOUR LETTER PROPOSES A THREE-PERSON TEAM AT LEAST. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIO; TO MORE THAN TWO BUT CAN ONLY ACCEPT TWO ON A RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS. PLEASE ADVISE ME SOON WHEN THE TEAM WILL ARRIVE.

REGARDING DR. POPLAVSKIY. THE WASHINGTON MEMO REFERRED TO A MID-YEAR VISIT. THIS WAS BECAUSE THE COMPUTER BEING PURCHASED FOR THE PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER WILL NOT BE OPERATIONAL UNTIL THEN. I THEREFORE PROPOSE DR. POPLAVSKIY VISIT PTWC IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS WITH THE COMPUTER INSTALLATION SO THAT A FIRM DATE FOR THE VISIT CAN BE SET EARLY.

IN REGARD TO THE NUMERICAL SIMULATION WORK AND DR. GUSYAKOV, THE RECORD OF THE SEPTEMBER 1976 MEETING INDICATED THAT DR. YU. I SHOKIN WOULD VISIT JTRE. WE UNDERSTOOD HE WOULD WORK ON NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF THE PROPAGATING WATER WAVES, WHILE DR. GUSYAKOV HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE GENERATING MECHANISMS. IN OUR VIEW THESE ARE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS. IN VIEW OF OUR UNCERTAINTY I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS: 1) IF YOU FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE DR. GUSYAKOV'S WORK IN HAWAII NOW, WE WILL ACCEPT HIM ON A RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS FOR SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPEN OCEAN EXPERIMENT
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PLANNING MEETING, OR 2) DELAY THE NUMERICAL SIMULATION VISITS UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT EXPERT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATE THIS YEAR. WE COULD DEFINE THIS PROJECT CLEARLY AT THAT TIME.

SINCERLY,

B.J. THOMPSON
U.S. PROJECT LEADER IX-21 CHRISTOPHER

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